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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yeh *et al.*

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For: INHIBITORS OF C-REACTIVE PROTEIN
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Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: Haddad, Maher M.

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSH:249US

I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED APRIL 9, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003 for which the three-month date for response is July 9, 2003.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to September 9, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments in response to the Office Action begin on page 7 of this paper.